

CALDER NORTHERN DIVISION TRAIN ORDERS

May 2023

Welcome to the Calder Northern Division Train Orders for May 2023.

I will circulate my new dedicated email address soon but in the meantime can be contacted via email at mike.pringle1962@gmail.com or telephone 07799760604.

Les Herriot Book Collection

An offer has been made for the British books in the collection but we still have numerous American books hardback and softback for sale to interested members.

I have myself purchased several fascinating magazines that will further my modelling.

Layouts

The layout operating rota will only be for Saturdays this year and Paul Mitchell has published the operating roster for the coming months.

Devils Creek – It was a pleasure to see a “Swift” reefer (formerly from Devils Creek) pictured on Dave Gunns` magnificent layout serving industries with buildings built from scratch to a very high standard.

Baltic Street – Work on this N-Scale project continues & Alan Wyatt has been busy sourcing a board for the back of the baseboard.

North Western Mills. It has been proposed that we organise some rudimentary operating sessions for the Wednesday sessions. This will allow us to develop an operating schema which could be tried on at a weekend meet. If anyone is interested in knowing more/joining in the operating sessions talk to Len Ford who has devised an intriguing computer programme.

Remedial work has been conducted in the past month.

Last Saturday the short-line to mainline section required the reconnection of a jump wire to restore operation & a switch wire required attention on the front side of the layout.

We are fortunate to have a team of experienced operators able to identify & remedy these occasional glitches.

NMRA Meets

All Members are welcome to attend our monthly meetings or attend our informal working meets on a Wednesday

The calendar for the group meetings for 2023 is as follows.....

13th May, 17th June, 8th July, 12th August, 9th September, 14th October, 11th November, 9th December.

MEMBER MODELLING REPORT

A small switcher tells a bigger story....

Member **Paul Mitchell** brought his newly liveried New York Central Alco S-2 Switcher to show us at the April meeting.



He purchased the font at www.RailFonts.com (only cost a few dollars, they do a wide range of companies). He then produced a word document with multiple sizes of the font (including specific numbers for the loco) so as to get the right (or near enough size). He then sent a pdf to **Alf Milliken** who printed off the decals Alf has great expertise in printing decals and with the font being white this required added effort.

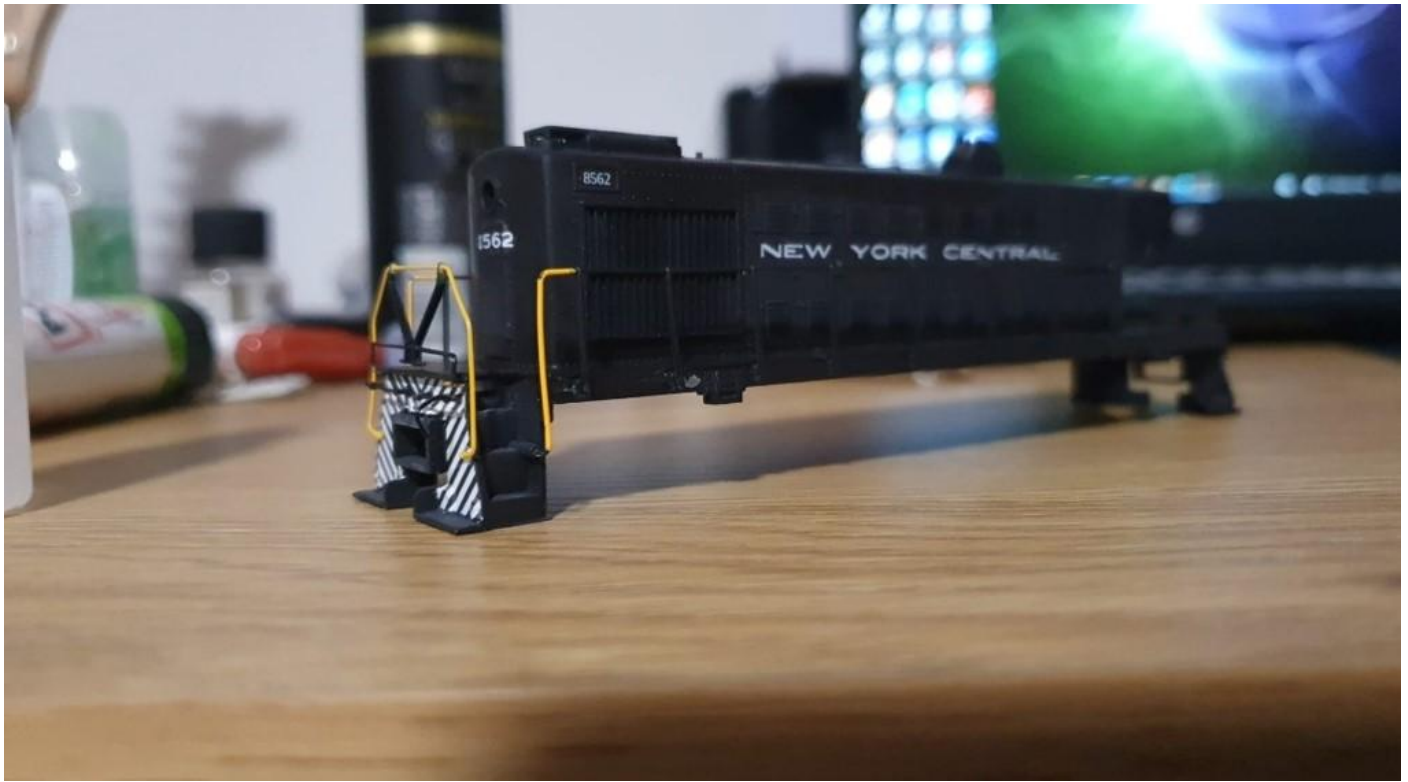
The S-2 was originally in Pennsylvania livery: dark green with yellow lettering. **Elliot Lamb** then assisted with the project. He stripped the shell with IPA and a gentle brush. A layer of Vallejo primer was then applied. This was followed by his custom mix dark grey (Tamiya black + a bit of white) – pure black looks odd on models. Sun bleaching was included in the painting to add a bit of weathering. This was airbrushed. After the paint was applied and cured it was sealed with Vallejo gloss varnish.

The decals were applied using Microsol/Microset. The chevrons were a challenge due to the geometry of the buffer beams but they were eventually set in place.

A second sealing coat gloss was applied followed by matt.

The yellow grab irons were then painted by brush.

Paul is delighted with his newly liveried Switcher and the story above shows how members of all generations & with individual skills within our NMRA group are prepared to help each other to achieve great results.



(Next Month we look at the Arduino Len Ford brought to show us at Crewe)

Feel free to share your recent or ongoing modelling projects with the Group.
Submissions on any topic of interest are very welcome!
Contact Mike Pringle @ mike.pringle1962@gmail.com

NCAM Invitation

John Flrth from the Northern Counties American Modellers(NCAM) has sent a cordial invitation for interested members to attend their bi-monthly meetings on the first Sunday of odd months.Next Meeting being Sunday 14th May 2023 at 10:00 in Hampsthwaite,North Yorkshire.

NMRA X

April 22nd saw another full schedule of interesting online viewing as NMRA X again took to the internet.Episodes can be viewed on catch up on the NMRA YouTube channel.

Several Members participate in the Brew and Natter online chats each Saturday where you can interact with other like minded individuals.There is no obligation to speak or show your face if you do not feel confident in doing so.

I look forward to seeing you all on 13th May at Crewe

Mike Pringle
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